

## VIVUS to Present at Cowen & Co. 26th Annual Health Care Conference

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., March 2 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- VIVUS, Inc. (Nasdaq: VVUS), a leading specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of novel products to restore sexual function in women and men, today announced that Timothy E. Morris, Chief Financial Officer, will present at the Cowen & Co. 26th Annual Health Care Conference.

The conference will be held at The Boston Marriott Copley Place from March 6th through March 9th. Mr. Morris will deliver the VIVUS presentation at 9:40 am on Thursday, March 9th. A breakout session will follow the initial presentation at 10:30 am. A live webcast and 30-day archive of the presentation can be accessed at http://www.vivus.com.

## About VIVUS

VIVUS, Inc. is a pioneer in the research and development of proprietary products to restore sexual function for women and men. VIVUS's current product pipeline includes four investigational products in late stage clinical development. For women, VIVUS has initiated a Phase 3 program for Evamist<sup>™</sup> for the treatment of vasomotor symptoms associated with menopause and a Phase 2B program with ALISTA<sup>™</sup> for female sexual arousal disorder. Additionally, the company has completed Phase 2 development of Testosterone MDTS<sup>®</sup> for the treatment of hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD). The MDTS system is a patented new-generation, transdermal drug delivery technology that delivers drugs directly through the skin.

For men, VIVUS has completed Phase 2 development of avanafil for erectile dysfunction. The company currently markets MUSE® (alprostadil) suppository for the treatment of erectile dysfunction in the U.S. and internationally through distributors. For more information on clinical trials and products, please visit the company's web site at http://www.vivus.com.

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